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PERSONNEL LETTER #11-001
(CSU Only)

TO: All Campuses in the Uniform State Payroll System

FROM: Lisa Crowe, Chief
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RE: **NEW RETIREMENT ACCOUNT CODES FOR CSU EMPLOYEES**

The State Controller's Office has established new retirement account codes for all CSU employees first employed by the State on or after January 15, 2011, except Bargaining Unit 8 Public Safety employees. New retirement account codes were established for Unit 8 Public Safety employees first employed by the State on or after July 1, 2011 due to their existing memorandum of understanding in effect until June 30, 2011. These changes are a result of Senate Bill (SB) X6 22 that established new retirement benefit formulas for new hires based on the highest average salary during a 36-month consecutive period. The new account codes are necessary for CalPERS to specifically identify employees subject to the new benefit formulas. Please refer to CSU Technical Letter HR/Benefits 2010-18 for additional information on these retirement changes.

CSU employees first employed on or after January 15, 2011 and Unit 8 Public Safety employees first employed on or after July 1, 2011 (with no prior State service) should be placed in one of the new account codes listed below. Campuses are responsible for entering the appropriate account code on respective appointment transactions.

Retirement Category	Old Account Code	New Account Code	Rate	Exclusion Amount	New Benefit Formula	New Final Comp
Miscellaneous	00	2U (Not Subject to SS/Medicare)	6%	\$317	2% @ 60	3 yrs
	08	2Z (Subject to SS/Medicare)	5%	\$513	2% @ 60	3 yrs
Safety	82	1U (Subject to Medicare)	6%	\$317	2% @ 55	3 yrs
POFF	51	3N (Not Subject to SS/Medicare)	0%*	\$238	2.5% @ 55	3 yrs
	52	3P (Subject to Medicare)	0%*	\$238	2.5% @ 55	3 yrs
	53	3Q (Not Subject to SS/Medicare)	8%	\$238	2.5% @ 55	3 yrs
	54	3R (Subject to Medicare)	8%	\$238	2.5% @ 55	3 yrs

*The 8% employee contribution rate is currently paid by the California State University.

For PPT documentation assistance, contact your CSU Audits Representative. For questions regarding CalPERS eligibility and benefits, contact CalPERS at (888) 225-7377.

Revisions to the Payroll Procedures and PIMS manuals are forthcoming.

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